

Private

77 Cedar Street
New York Aug 20
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Dear Sir

Your kind letter of the 1st inst
would have been replied to ere this
had it not been for sickness in my
family, and other trouble arising
from the neglect of other parties to
perform their promises pecuniary.

I am much obliged to you for the
information given in reply to my queries,
and for your permission to use your
beautiful panegyric upon my
father's life and labors, in any
suitable way. It is, as you say, a mat-
ter of small moment to my father
"whether he shall have conceded to him
the historic credit which is his due"
but inasmuch as he commenced
to testify against Slavery as early
as 1804 in Maryland, and 1807 in

Virginia, and so continued until
his death in 1845 (though leaving
the matter chiefly with you after
taking the banner) the truth
of history would demand that
not any worthy early laborer
should be omitted in "reckoning
up the jewels" - Aisteward with
no doubt be in the next world for
he had none in this, except what mobs
and rioters gave him. He devoted much
of his time and means, as you did,
to try and awaken the sleepers.

Now is your health good? Will you
ever be able to write the History
you mentioned in a former letter, the
Pickens & Childs had desired from you?
I have a great many books and quanti-
ties of M. S. formerly my Father's
which might be of great use to you -

I am Dear Sir

Box 5203

P. D.

Yours very truly

Theo Bourne